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SUBJECT: IRAQ'S NEIGHBORING INTERIOR MINISTERS ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. (C) On Dec. 3, PolMilOff called on MFA Head of Iraq Desk Avni Botsali to get a readout on the meeting of Interior Ministers of Iraq's neighbors that took place in Tehran Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Botsali, who accompanied Interior Minister Aksu to Tehran, said that the Ministers agreed to identify national points of contact in their ministries relevant to Iraq issues. He added that he believes at their next meeting the Ministers will establish a working group to make specific proposals to them on terrorism, narcotics, border security, and training. Turkey will host the next meeting.

2. (U) Text of Communique follows. Note internal paragraph numbering.

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Final Communique of the Conference of the Interior Ministers of Neighboring Countries of Iraq
Tehran, 30 November - 1 December 2004

Upon the invitation extended by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the first Meeting of the Interior Ministers of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Turkey, Arab Republic of Egypt, Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Iraq, State of Kuwait and the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General was held in Tehran from November 30 to

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December 1, 2004, in solidarity with the people of Iraq who are now suffering from difficult conditions resulting from the current lack of security and critical economic situation of this country. Based on their consultations and deliberations in this meeting, the interior ministers:

1. Stressed the provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1546 and the statements of the previous sessions of the Iraq's neighboring countries including the recent sessions in Cairo and Sharm El Shaykh and stressed also on the sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Iraq as well as on the right of the people of Iraq to a secure and stable life.

2. Welcomed all the steps taken by the UN and the Interim Government of Iraq in the direction of preparing the ground for the full participation of all Iraqi groups, parties and all the segments of the people of Iraq in the political process by holding general elections before the end of January 2005, as envisaged in UN Security Council Resolution 1546. They stressed on the leading role of the UN in this regard and expressed their readiness to assist in the electoral process both by the Iraqi citizens residing in their respective countries in coordination with the UN and the Interim Government of Iraq.

3. Stressed the need for enhancement of mutual cooperation on border security, border entrances and cross-border movements, among their respective countries within the framework of the provisions of the existing bilateral agreements.

4. Supported the fight against illegal movements of capitals supporting the terrorist activities, smuggling of goods, arms and narcotic drugs across their borders.

5. Condemned the terrorist acts against people, humanitarian institutions, foreign workers and transporters, diplomatic missions and international organizations as well as sacrilege of the religious Holy places in Iraq. They stressed the need for exchange of information and intelligence among their countries with an aim to control and prevent the movement of terrorists, subversive and other illegal elements to and from Iraq.

6. Stressed the need to end the presence and activities of terrorist groups in Iraq collaborating with the criminal regime of Saddam and now endangering the security of Iraq and its neighboring countries, and asked for an urgent and proper measures in cooperation with the neighboring countries by the Interim Government of Iraq in this respect.

17. Expressed their readiness to provide training and equipment upon the request of Iraq to the Iraqi police force and border guards to assist the Iraqi government for the restoration of stability in Iraq and play a more effective role in the protection and control of the borders within the framework of the UN Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements.

18. Emphasized the positive impact of economic development and reconstruction of Iraq on the restoration of security and stability in this country and expressed their readiness to play a more substantial role in Iraqi reconstruction process benefiting from the vast economic resources and capabilities inherent in the neighboring countries. They welcomed the commitments taken in this regard by creditors in the Paris Club to reduce Iraq's debt.

19. Expressed their sincere appreciation to the Islamic Republic of Iran for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality, which assured the success of their first meeting. They welcomed the invitation by the Turkish minister of Interior to host their next Meeting. They will be informed of the mechanism taken and measures provided by neighboring countries to pursue their decisions.

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13. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.
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